

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: DAVID W. SMITH
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PATTERN MATCHING ON SINGLE
AND MULTIPLE PATTERN
STRUCTURES

Group Art Unit: 2616
Examiner: Toan D. Nguyen
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CUSTOMER NO.: 23720

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 30, 2009

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2009, for which the shortened three-month statutory response date is March 30, 2010. This response is being filed on, or before, the due date, therefore, it is timely filed.

If an extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

No fee is believed due as a result of the response contained herein. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. PTO Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2162.002500.